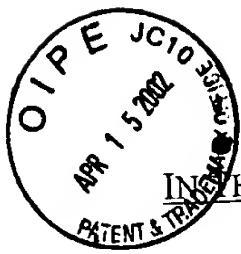


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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

REMARKS

The Office has restricted the claims 1-20 of this application into Groups I (1-13) and II (14-20).

Applicants elect the claims of Group II, (14-20) and provisionally withdraw the non-elected claims of Group I. The restriction is respectfully traversed in order to preserve the issue for subsequent petition since the examination of all of the claims 1-20 does not create an undue burden on the Office and that the subject matter among the groups is not independent and distinct as required by statute.